

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled)

19. (New) A seamless ventilation duct comprising a plurality of elongate panels and integrally formed hinge means, each panel being joined to an adjacent panel by said integrally formed hinge means to enable relative movement between the panels so that the duct is selectively collapsible for at least one of transportation and storage.

20. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 19, wherein said hinge means comprises an elongate channel in the duct between each panel so that the duct folds in the region of the channel to enable relative movement between the panels.

21. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 19, wherein each panel is disposed substantially at right angles to two adjacent panels when the duct is erected.

22. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 21, wherein each panel is at least one of rigid and semi-rigid and forms one side-wall of the duct.

23. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 22, wherein each side wall lies substantially in contact with another side-wall when the duct is collapsed.

24. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 22, wherein the side walls define a parallelogram profile in cross-section.

25. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 19, wherein the hinge means are formed from a dissimilar material to the panels.

26. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 19, wherein the duct is made from plastics material.

27. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 26, wherein the duct is made from one of a thermoplastic and a thermoplastic elastomer.

28. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 26, wherein the duct is made from one of polypropylene and PVC.

29. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 19, wherein the seamless ventilation duct is formed by extrusion.

30. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 22, wherein the side walls define a multi-sided profile in cross-section.

31. (New) A method of manufacturing a seamless ventilation duct including a plurality of elongate panels and integrally formed hinge means, with each panel being joined to an adjacent panel by said integrally formed hinge means to enable relative movement between the panels, the method comprising the steps of:

at least one of extruding and molding the duct;

allowing the duct to cool; and

folding the duct about the hinge means to collapse the duct for at least one of transportation and storage or to erect the duct for installation.

32. (New) A method according to claim 31, wherein the duct is extruded in a collapsed condition.

33. (New) A method according to claim 31, wherein the duct is extruded in at least one of a partially erect and an erect condition.

34. (New) A method according to claim 31, wherein the hinge means are extruded from a different material to the rest of the duct.

35. (New) A seamless ventilation duct comprising:

a plurality of elongate panels; and

hinge means integrally formed between adjacent panels to enable relative movement of adjacent panels to one another, whereby the duct is collapsible for at least one of transportation and storage.

36. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 35, wherein said hinge means is defined by an elongate channel formed between adjacent panels, wherein the duct is foldable along the channel to enable relative movement between adjacent panels.

37. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 34, wherein the hinge means are formed from a dissimilar material to the side walls.

38. (New) A seamless ventilation duct according to claim 34, wherein the duct is made from a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic, thermoplastic elastomers, polypropylene, and PVC.